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BIG NAVAL BATTLE IN JAVA SEA

Hurricanes For Red Air Force

Russians Take To British Machines As If "They Were Born To It"

LONDON, March 1.

The R. A. F. wing, which for six months had helped to defend Russia's great Arctic port of Murmansk against the Germans is back in England.

The Wing, consisting of two squadrons equipped with "hurricane" fighters, was commanded by Wing Commander H. N. G. Ramsbottom Isherwood, A. F. C. Besides assisting the Russian air force to repel the German drive against Murmansk through Northern Norway and Finland, its purpose was to demonstrate the "hurricane" fighter to Russian pilots and ground crews. These in turn were to instruct units of the Russian Air Force, which were being equipped with this type of British aircraft. When the wing left Russia the Soviet Air Force took over their planes and equipment for their own units.

These aircraft have since been supplemented by large deliveries of "hurricanes" supplied by Britain for use in the Red Air Force

AWARDS TO PILOTS.

The official announcement says the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to Wing Commander Ramsbottom Isherwood a New Zealander) who "displayed great leadership and set a splendid example contributing materially to the successes obtained by the pilots in Russia"; Squadron Leader Rook, who "led the squadron with great skill and dash during a combat when it destroyed thirteen enemy aircraft for the loss of only one R. A. F. pilot and always fostered the fighting spirit in his fellow pilots"; Squadron Leader Miller, who "led his squadron with such high qualities of determination and judgment that during many escorts for Russian bomber aircraft, either led by himself or provided by his unit, not a single Russian bomber was lost".

"When the hurricanes are above us, we never need look up", was the tribute paid by Russian bomber crews to R. A. F. pilots who escorted them. Fifteen German aircraft were destroyed for the loss of one hurricane from the aerodrome, which the R. A. F wing shared with Russian bomber units many miles with'n the Arctic Circle.

RUSSIANS' SKILL.

The Russians learns so quickly that many of them might have been born with the noise of the "merlin" engine in their ears, British pilots said. Strange aircraft, new engine, unusual gadgets offered no serious problems to Soviet pilots and technicians. To-day all along the front line hundreds of British-made "hurricanes" are being flown by the Russians. Men of the R. A. F. wing provided more than thirty escorts for daylight Russian bombers. Whenever weather permitted flying and there were Germans to shoot at, the "hurricanes" usually came back with at least one victory though only German planes were seen to hit the ground.

IN ARCTIC AREA.

The territory over which the British wing operated was so vast and desolate that the crew of one destroyed German bomber walked several days before being able to surrender to the Russians. Only once did the enemy try to raid the Anglo-Russian aerodrome in force. One afternoon they sent over 12 bombers in formation but the Russian warning system was so efficient that pilots had ample notice of attack and were able to destroy three raiders and damage nearly all the others. The Germans never again attempted to attack the aerodrome with more than one or two aircraft and then only when clouds offered plenty of protection.—Reuter.

AXIS AIR LOSSES

LONDON, March 1.

The Axis lost at least 270 planes on all fronts last week.

The R.A.F. lost 15 over Western Europe and 25 in the Middle-East. In the Far East the R.A.F. and the Royal Australian air-force lost six.—Reuter.

Huge Japanese Naval Losses

JAPANESE ENTER JAVA AT 3 POINTS

Plans To Isolate Batavia And Surabaya

ALLIED BOMBERS TAKE HEAVY TOLL OF JAPANESE SHIPS

BANDOENG (JAVA), March 1.

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE LANDED AT THREE POINTS ON THE NORTH JAVA COAST.

ALLIED NAVAL AND AIRFORCES WERE ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT ATTACKING THE LANDINGS AND INFLICTING HEAVY LOSSES ON THE JAPANESE.

TRANSPORT SINKS, WARSHIP BLOWS UP

NEW YORK:—IT IS REPORTED THAT DIRECT HITS WERE SCORED BY ALLIED BOMBERS ON 17 JAPANESE TRANSPORTS AND TEN MEDIUM VESSELS. ONE TRANSPORT SANK IMMEDIATELY AND ONE WARSHIP BLEW UP AFTER FOUR DIRECT HITS.

EANDOENG:—The battle of Java is raging to-day by land, sea and in the air, writes Reuter's special correspondent.

Japanese troops, which stormed ashore at three points during the night, are being fiercly resisted by the defending forces, while allied aircraft and warships pound the invasion armada off the coast.

Despite the desperate efforts of the tiny Allied fleet, the Japanese have succeeded in convoying about 50 transports to the north of Java.

The naval battle lasted thirty-six hours as the Allies fought against enormous odds to keep the Japanese fleet back.

Reports so far reveal that 15 Japanese transports have been sunk or set on fire in the past 24 hours, while six others were seriously damaged.

It is not yet known how many troops have been landed, though unofficial estimates vary between a few thousand and four divisions.

The Allies are resisting the invasion with all their might. All night and day the air over Java has resounded to the drone of planes as Allied aircraft rushed back and forth between Japanese bridgeheads and their bases, reloading bombs and incessantly refuelling.

ENEMY BARGES WRECKED.

Many Japanese invasion barges have been wrecked and men wading ashore were mown down by Allied fighters. The vanguard of the landing force consisted of crack Japanese troops, well-trained in amphibious operations, supported by the air-umbrella provided by both shore based planes and at least one aircraft-carrier. The land planes presumably are flying from captured aerodromes in Sumatra, Bali and South Borneo. Admiral Halfrich's gallant little navy is still in the picture. Its units are dashing in and out of Japanese concentrations and are continuing to inflict losses on warships and transports.

WHERE JAPS LANDED.

The situation ashore is at the moment confused. The Japanese chose for their landings points where there were networks of small rivers and connecting coastal roads.

The Japanese have undoubtedly managed to infiltrate inland in some sectors, but Allied reinforcements are being rushed to threatened points.

It cannot yet be said that the landings have been consolidated. In the Batam area west of Batavia where one of the Japanese landings was effected, the country is flat and mainly under rice. Rice fields provide good channels of communication, but are infested with leeches.

JAP. PLAN.

Presumably the Japanese plan is to cut round Batavia, isolate Batavia and Priok for an assault, and cut communications between the civil capital and the military headquarters at Bandoeng.

The eastern most landing near Rembang in also probably intended to cut off Surabaya in a similar way. About 35 miles from the coast near Rembang there is the main road and railway connecting directly with Surabaya.

OIL "SCORCHED."

Last night, when it was learned that the invasion had begun, the oil installations at Tjepoe, 30 miles from the scene of landing in the Rembang area, the last remaining big oil producing area in the Netherlands Indies, were "scorched" with the usual Dutch thoroughness.

Not far inland from Indramajoe where the third landing was effected, is the road which cuts right across Java through a comparatively easy country to the south coast. It is possibly the Japanese intention to push due south from here with the object of cutting Java in two.

JAP. NAVAL LOSSES

Details of the naval battle now released show that the Japanese lost one heavy cruiser sunk, two cruisers seriously damaged and 3 destroyers left burning, while the Allies lost two cruisers and one destroyer sunk—all Dutch. The Allied fleet was enormously outnumbered and outgunned. The Japanese had thrown considerable force into action for protecting their invasion convoys, including, it is reported, one battle cruiser.

It is officially stated Commanders of Dutch cruisers had been instructed to fight "even to the point of sacrificing themselves" to hold up the Japanese invasion fleet.

POLICE STAY BEHIND

The civil population of Java is taking the invasion calmly. They know, owing to the long coastline and singular configuration of the ground, this will be a battle of great movement. Government's policy, therefore, is for women and children to "stay out", but they are awaiting development stoically. A few high official whose services have to be available as long as possible have moved to a certain point in Java leaving their wives and children behind. The police have orders to stay behind whatever happens. So also have the majority of civil administration. Between them they hope to be able to keep order in the towns that may be overrun by the Japanese. The Dutch expect a stubborn struggle, but they intend to carry on until the very last, however great the Japanese superiority may be. They believe that every day the Japanese have to fight will mean to them an extra effort and strain on their resources which will cost them dearly in the future.

N. E. COMMUNIQUE

The N. E. Communique states the enemy launched his attack on Java last night. Enemy troops have landed in north-east Bantam and in the Bay of Indramaya, while furthermore, a strong landing fleet started landing in the latter part of the night over a wide front on part of the coast about 30 kilometres east of Rembang. Landing in the district of Bantam was opposed by Allied naval forces. On that occasion a Netherlands destroyer was engaged by two Japanese cruisers. The Netherlands warship fought fiercely until in the end it was beached in a sinking condition. Both the other landing fleets were attacked by our air forces throughout the night and losses inflicted upon the enemy. The Netherlands bombing attacks are still continuing.

Netherlands and American submarines also came into action against enemy naval forces and transports which are now attacking Java. Reports about the result have not yet been received. Action is being continued. Information now available points the conclusion that off Rembang one transport was sunk and another damaged as the result of bombing attacks.

"At Indramaya, four direct hits were scored by the air force on a warship which blew up. A direct hit was scored on a vessel of 6,000 tons, which burst into flames. Five direct hits and several near misses were scored on two vessels, one direct hit on a cruiser and direct hits on four transport ships, while finally a near miss was scored on another cruiser. Units of the Royal N.E.I. Army are offering fierce resistance at three points where the enemy has landed.

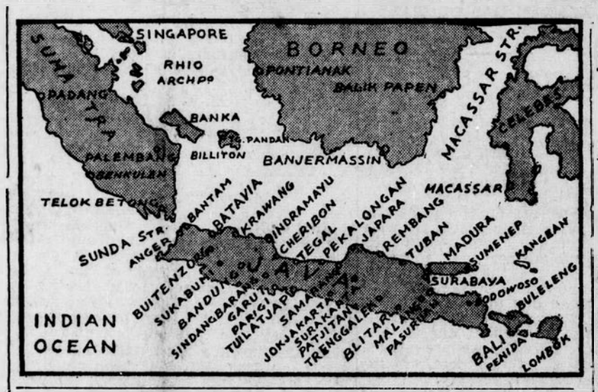
As landing in the vicinity was obviously meant to secure the oil of Tjapoe oilfield and refineries near Tjapoe were demolished last night.

In Sumatra

The enemy has infiltrated from Palmebang in a northerly direction and is meeting stubborn resistance on the part of our troops, who are inflicting heavy losses in Middle Sumatra.

The western corner of Timor has been occupied by the Japanese. Fighting on this island continues.

Yesterday Sabang was bombed."



ENEMY PRESSURE ON SITTANG FRONT

RANGOON, March 1.

A communique issued by the general headquarters says:—

"Patrolling continues on the Sittang front, where there are idications of increasing enemy activity."

"Our fighter and bomber aircraft have been operating during the day in the forward areas over the enemy positions. No enemy air activity has been reported."

15 Transports Sunk

LONDON, March 1.

A communique from Java states that during the last 24 hours 15 Japanese transports were sunk off the Java Sea, while six others were seriously damaged. The Japanese are stated to have sent 50 transports to Java. It is not known how many Japanese have succeeded in landing, but according to unofficial estimates it is about four divisions. The Japanese losses include one heavy cruiser sunk and two other cruisers damaged.

The Allied losses are two cruisers and one destroyer.—Reuter.

Heavy Japanese Losses

BATAVIA: An announcement regarding the Dutch offensive states: "The action against the enemy, who at all invasion points is trying to enforce strong infiltration by cyclists with rather light armaments and light armoured cars, continued all day long. At numerous points losses were inflicted on the Japanese. The action against advancing Japanese cyclists in the vicinity of Blora in Middle Java, cost many Japanese their lives.

Necessary destructions at vital points, which are threatened by the infiltrating units, have been carried out. Despite the heavy losses which Allied planes inflicted on the Japanese landing fleet near Hindramaju, a rather great part of the plains from Rawang is at present in Japanese hands."—Reuter.

Japs Evacuate Abra

American Success In N. Luzon

NEW YORK, March 1.

American and Filipino troops have forced the Japanese to evacuate Abra in Northern Luzon, according to a radio report heard in New York.

ENEMY DRIVEN BACK.

WASHINGTON:—The war department reported to-day (Sunday) that the Japanese have been driven from a section about 45 miles long between Cervantes and Bangued.—Reuter.

"POSITIONAL WARFARE."

WASHINGTON:—A War Department communique reporting lull in the fighting in Bataan adds "the period of positional warfare seems to be indicated."—Reuter.

Three Jap Destroyers Put Out Of Action

WASHINGTON, March 1.

It is announced at Washington that the Japanese Cruiser 'Mogami' and three Japanese destroyers were put out of action in the Japanese attempt to effect a landing in Java yesterday

An United States submarine is believed to have sunk five ships in the Far East.

The United States forces are still intact despite Japan's overwhelming superiority in numbers.

The Japanese force included 40 transports. The American forces taking part in the action were one heavy cruiser and five destroyers.—Reuter.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN S. CELEBES

BATAVIA, March 1.

A raid on an aerodrome in west Java was carried out by 12 bombers. About 50 bombs were dropped in the fields, some buildings were damaged and a few planes were damaged on the ground There were no casualties.

Surabaya had several alerts as enemy aircraft approached the town. Yet each time they were driven off by our anti-aircraft fire before having been able to drop any bombs.

Fierce fighting continues unabated in south Celebes. One of our positions was attacked by greatly superior numbers. The attackers were repulsed with machinegun-fire. Many Japanese were killed.

In another area our troops launched an attack on enemy positions.

In central Sumatra our troops have made contact with enemy near Bango (West Djanbi).

On Timor, our troops inflicted serious losses on the enemy. The fighting here continues.—Reuter

DUTCH OFFENSIVE AGAINST JAPS.

BATAVIA: It is officially announced that Dutch troops will carry out offensive against the Japanese landing forces. At numerous points losses are being inflicted on the enemy, adds the official announcement

ALLIED FLEET IN SUNDA STRAIT

TOKYO: The presence of an Allied fleet in Sunda Strait between Java and Sumatra is indicated by the Japanese Imperial Headquarters to-day. It claims that a hostile warship of 3,000 tons was set on fire and heavy damage inflicted on two cruisers and a destroyer by bomb hits when a powerful force of Japanese war planes attacked the fleet yesterday.

Amery's Excuse Exploded

Azad Muslims Deny League Claim And Supports Nation's Demand

NEW DELHI, March 1.

After a full-day discussion the meeting of the All-India Azad Muslim Board has passed the following resolutions unanimously:—

"Since the last session of the Board the cataclysm of war has advanced with giant strides and the whole world lies engulfed in a deluge of blood. India is no longer a distant spectator of the war. But finds itself within the zone of imminent danger. Questions which only two years ago appeared to be vital and claimed all attention have paled into insignificance.

New problems of world-wide import have arisen and great and small nations and countries are uniting their forces and resources to save their freedom. Courageous efforts have to be made for new international alignments to develop and co-ordinate determined endeavours to meet and overcome the grim consequences of the war.

To avert the fate of those who have succumbed to aggression, it is imperative that no effort should be spared to knit all the people of India into a united endeavour. The country's will should be galvanised and its immense resources in war potential effectively developed for the task of defending the country and thereby establishing its freedom in a world free of aggression.

The Board is convinced that there is general unanimity in India that the country must forthwith cease to be a dependency if this end is to be achieved and that it should have the freedom enjoyed by the other free countries of the world, including England and the Dominions. Representing nine costituent Muslim organisations and speaking for the bulk of the Indian Muslims this Board fully supports this demand."

AMERY'S LAME PLEA.

Further it feels constrained to conclude that the specious plea of the Secretary of State for India, and the British Government that the Muslim League is the authoritative spokesman of the Indian Muslims, and that its attitude and demands constitute an insuperable obstacle in the way of India's freedom is an indefensible subterfuge to mask the disinclination of the British Government to part with power. The serious gravity of the situation occasioned by the menace of an early invasion most imperatively demands that the British Government should immediately recognise India's freedom and transfer real power to enable the representatives of the people to assume complete responsibility for the defence of the country as a whole in full and mutual collaboration with the other free countries.

MUSLIM COUNTRIES.

The Board has noted with keen regret that the conflagration of war has enveloped nearly all the Muslim countries of the world and their independence has been held to ransom. From the eastern source of the Red Sea in the Near Middle East, no less than in Malaya, China, Russia, and certain parts of Europe Mussalmans along with their other people are exposed to the horrors and severe ordinance of war.

The Board conveys its heartfelt sympathy to the Muslims and other inhabitants of this country who are suffering from the savagery of aggression. It earnestly hopes that the freedom of all the countries and nations which have fallen victim to old or new aggressors will be fully restored.

The next conference of the Board will be held during Easter in Bengal. The invitation for holding this meeting came from the Premier of Bengal and Nawab Bahadur of Dacca which was accepted. The venue and date will be announced later.

Mr. Fazlul Huq, Premier of Bengal, who arrived in Delhi tonight also attended the meeting. He has been included in the Board as a member.

Mr Asaf Ali, Nawab Bahadur of Dacca, Mr. Humayun Kabir, Mr. Iftikharuddin and Mr. Tufail Ahmad were also present by special invitation.

The meeting adjourned till tomorrow morning.—A. P.

MAHASABHA'S DEMANDS

Immediate Proclamation Of Indian Freedom And Arms Act Repeal

LUCKNOW, March 1.

The All-India Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha on a resolution apprehends that the Congress might accept some "anti-democratic, anti-national agreement to placate Muslims" and hold out a threat to the British Government that any agreement to which the Mahasabha is not party "will be stoutly resisted by every possible means".

Other resolutions warns the British Government "that the tragic reverses in the Far East can be prevented in Hindusthan by England granting the fullest political freedom to India" and calls for "a bold and unambiguous proclamation that India is granted full independence and co-partnership equal with Great Britain in the Indo-British Commonwealth" so that declaration must be immediately made by the British Government.

India might feel that "fighting in alliance with Britain is fighting for India's independence".

The Committee also demands the abolition of the India Office and of the India Council, the complete nationalisation of the Government of India on democratic lines, the concentration of political sovereignty in India and the transfer of the entire Administration of India to Indian hands including defence, finance, foreign affairs and the relations with the Indian states.

The resolution on Civil Defence calls upon the Government "to repeal the Arms Act and to provide the members of the defence organisations with arms so that they can form a real national militia able to withstand and cope with all possible inter nal emergencies." Other demands in this connection include relaxation of the administration of the Arms Act, encouragement and provision of funds for the organisation of National Militia so as to enable every able-bodied Indian to do his part in the defence if his country, establishment of immediately factories for the manufacture of aeroplanes, motors and warships and to give help to the industrialisation of the country to bring about self-sufficiency to the matter of weapons material for the defence of the country and provision of serviceable and non-serviceable rifles with ammunition free of charge to schools and colleges as a preliminary for training of educated youths.—A.P.

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SAVARKAR'S REPLY TO JINNAH'S CHALLENGE

LUCKNOW, March 1.

Speaking, this evening here Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindus Mahasabha, expressed his willingness to accept the challenge thrown by Mr. Jinnah that if Hindus did not agree to the Muslim demand of Pakistan, Muslims would creates an unprecedented revolt. He said: "We have faced more serious revolts in the past. Why hold your threat in abeyance? Why not come out with it to-day? Hindus have an ancient culture and have withstood numerous revolts. They are four times the Muslims numerically and have the same arms and penal codes to defend themselves which Muslims have."

STOP PRESS

NAZI REGIMENT ROUTED.

MOSCOW, March 1.

It is reported from the Kalinin front that Soviet troops routed a German infantry regiment, a Sappers battalion and a group of anti-tank gunners and dislodged the Germans from six inhabited localities.—Reuter.

SOEBANG FALLS

BANDOENG, March 1.

It is officially reported that Soebang, forty miles northeastward of Bandoeng, is in Japanese hands as the result of a drive from Indramayu landing.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WARSHIP BLOWS UP

NEW YORK, March 1.

Reports received in New York state that one escaping Japanese warship blew up as the result of a direct hit near Indramayu. Five out of the twelve Japanese transports were sunk near Rembang.—Reuter.

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L. SEN,
Secretary,
Indian Lac Cess Committee,
Main Road, Ranchi.
(7532)

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(7542)

THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, will be held at the CENTRAL BANK BUILDINGS, ESPLANADE ROAD, FORT, BOMBAY, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of MARCH, 1942 at 4 P.M. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive the Report of the Directors and the Audited Accounts for the period ending 31st December 1941.
2. To declare a Dividend and a Bonus.
3. To elect Mr. H. F. Commissariat who vacates his seat under Article 86 of the Articles of Association and who is eligible for re-election.
4. To confirm the appointment of Mr. H. C. Captain, the Managing Director.
5. To elect three Directors in place of those who retire by rotation under Article 94 of the Articles of Association read Regulation 78 of Table "A" of the Indian Companies Act and who are eligible for re-election.
6. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.
7. To do such other work as may be placed before the Meeting by the Chairman.

By Order of the Board,
H. C. CAPTAIN,
Managing Director.

Bombay, 19th February, 1942.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 28th February, 1942 to WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1942 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
H. C. CAPTAIN,
Managing Director.

N. B.—Dividend Warrant for the Half year ending 31st December, 1941 will be posted to the Shareholders at their registered addresses on and after the 19th day of March, 1942. Intimation of any change of address should be given to the Bank immediately.
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THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of Municipal Leasehold land or ground together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and oeing at Undria Street, without the Fort of Bombay, containing an area of (219) two hundred and nineteen square yards or thereabouts and being Plot No. 1 of the Undria Street Estate of the Corporation in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay bounded on the North by a service passage ten feet in width, on the East by Undria Street, on the South by Plot No. 2 of the said Estate and on the West by another service passage fifteen feet in width which piece of land forms portions of New Survey Nos. 4049, 4050 and 4051 and bears Cadastral Survey No. 11|1104 of Byculla Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E Ward Nos. 334, 335 and 336 Street Nos. 42-48.

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FRAMJI J. JESIA & CO.,
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"SUSPEND SENTENCE ON DUTT-MAZUMDAR"

CALCUTTA, March 1.

The "United Press" understands that 71 members of the Progressive Coalition Party have submitted a joint memorial to the Hon. Mr. Pramathanath Banerji, Minister for Judicial Department, Bengal, to exercise the power under Section 401 Cr. P. C., suspending and remitting without any conditions the sentence now pending on Mr Niharendu Dutt-Mazumdar of fine of Rs. 500/- in default to undergo six months' R. I.

Mr. Dutt-Mazumdar is required to pay the fine or surrender in court before the Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate Calcutta on March 5, 1942 under orders passed by the Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate under the Defence of India Rules in connection with a speech delivered by him on the "Jallianwalla Bagh Dayy". An appeal against the order is pending before the Federal Court which is due to be heard on March 4.—United Press.

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Municipal Corporation 3 p.m. (B.T.)

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

REGAL—"Appointment For Love" 4, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Municipality" 3-30, 6-30 & 9-0
OPERA HOUSE—"Seti" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
METRO—"The Maltese Falcon" 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"Doctor" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 11-45 a.m. and 2-30, 5-45 and 8-45 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Ujala" 3, 6 & 9 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 & 9 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Time Mercy Minos Romeo" 6-15 and 9-15 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Raja Rani" 3-30, 6-15 & 9 p.m.
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 & 9-46 p.m.
THE EDWARD—"Punar-Milan" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"Great American Broadcast" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
HINDMATA "Gharki Laj" 2, 4-30, 7 & 10
SWASTIK—"Garib" 3, 6 & 9 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Navy Blues" 3, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Sikandar" 1.30, 6-15 & 9 p.m.
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SUPER—"The Jungle Princess" 3-45, 6-30 and 9-15 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Payachi Dasi" 4-30, 7-15 & 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Sajjan" 4-15, 7 & 10 p.m
IMPERIAL "Pyas" 4, 7 & 10 p.m.

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Special Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

A.R.P. LECTURE.—A third lecture on A.R.P. and First Aid will be given by Dr. Miss Vazifdar to-day (Monday) at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.) for the members of the Gandhi Seva Sena and the Indian Women's Unity Club in the Hall of the Club.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN EXTENSION LECTURES.

At 6 p.m. to-day (Monday) at the University Buildings, South Wing, ground floor, Shri Durgashanker K. Shastri will speak on "Upanisadic Doctrine and Bhagavata Doctrine" (In Gujarati.)

FIRST-AID CLASSES.—Mr. D. S. Bharucha will deliver a complete series of lectures in First-Aid to the injured at the Juhu Aerodrome every Tuesday and Thursday at 5-0 p.m. The lectures will be started from Tuesday (3rd March), and persons anxious to join are requested to apply over there. No fees are charged.

MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

There will be no Meeting of the Improvements Committee tomorrow (Tuesday) it being a public holiday viz Holi (2nd day).

The next meeting of the Improvements Committee will be held here in the Corporation Hall on Tuesday, the 10th instant at 3-30 p.m. (B. T.)

RAM MOHAN ROY AND INDIAN RENAISSANCE.—Dr. J. K. Majumdar, biographer of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, will lecture under P.E.N. auspices, to-day (Monday) at 6 p.m. on "Ram Mohan Roy and Indian Renaissance." Prof. M. D. Altekar, M.A., will preside. The lecture will be given in the rooms of the Royal Asiatic Society, Bombay Branch, in the Town Hall. The public are invited.

IN AID OF RUSSIA AND NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION.

There will be a benefit show of Warner Bros.' picture "All This and Heaven Too" along with most interesting war pictures relating to the war preparations in England, the Home Guards and such other instructive pictures to-morrow (Tuesday) at 10 a.m. at Regal Cinema, opp. Prince of Wales Museum, in aid of Russia and the Indian Anti-Fascist Peoples' Front represented by the National Democratic Union.

BAN ON CHARCOAL REMOVAL FROM CITY

The Government of Bombay has forbidden the removal of any charcoal by rail from the City of Bombay except under a license granted by the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay.

GOVERNOR TO PAY INTO BLOOD BANK.

NAGPUR.—The Governor, Sir Henry Twynam, and his two daughters Mrs. Goldsmith and Miss Twynam, will be in the first batch of persons offering their blood bank which has been opened in Nagpur. The Governor's Military Secretary, Major Cartley, and A. D. C. Mr. Coventry will also give their blood for transfusion.

Alleged Cheating

BOMBAY, Friday.

What is alleged to be an ingenious hoax on the Public Service Commission was brought to light when the Public Service Commission launched a prosecution today before the Chief Presidency Magistrate against an Assistant Labour Officer, Ramachandra Shantaram Kamath, on charges of cheating and making false representations to a public servant.

Mr. H. R. Pardiwala who appeared for the Public Service Commission, stated that on April 7, the Public Service Commission, advertised in the papers and the Government Gazette and called for applications for the post of an Assistant Labour Officer. In it the requisite qualifications for the post were mentioned.

It was revealed that the applications submitted by Kamath were false as regards age and the first class honours which he claimed.

When the Public Service Commission called Kamath for an interview, it is allged that Kamath sent in his resignation which was however not accepted. He was put under suspension and the present prosecution launched.

Mr. M. A. Sakhardande appeared for the defence.

PAITHAN FAIR.—The fair at Paithan, in the Aurangabad District of H. E. H. the Nizam's Dominions will be held from March 8 to March 10. The Director of the Hyderabad Medical and Public Health Department has advised that pilgrims who do not produce a certificate of having undergone anti-cholera inoculation will not be admitted to the fair centre. Intending pilgrims, are advised to take the inoculation certificate with them to Paithan.

Combating rumours as one way in which the civic guards could help at present, was suggested by the Governor of Bengal, H. E. Sir John Herbert, speaking at the Civic Guard parade at Calcutta on Sunday.

PVB

Representatives of about 25 Commercial Associations in Mandvi met together yesterday at the Grain Merchants' Association in response to the invitation by the P.V.B. The meeting was addressed by Sjt S. K. Patil, General Secretary, Sjt. Asoka Mehta, G.O.C., and Sjt Ratilal Gandhi, the Treasurer. Khimji Seth was in the chair. The objects and functions of the P.V.B. were explained in detail by the P.V.B. officials to the merchants who in return promised not only financial help, but any co-operation required by the P.V.B.

STUDENTS' SUPPORT.

The student community in the city demonstrated their enthusiasm and signified their willingness to co-operate with the P.V.B. at a largely attended meeting of the students of various colleges and schools held yesterday at the Congress Hall. Sjt. Asoka Mehta in a short speech, explained the duties of the students in the P.V.B. organisation. Mr M. L. Shah announced that some of the colleges and schools have agreed to allow to open enrolment centres within their premises. Some of the students present voluntarily undertook to approach the colleges and schools for similar facilities.

B. WARD P. V. B.—An urgent meeting of all the members of "B" Ward Peoples Volunteer Brigade will be held to-day (Monday) at 7-30 p.m. at the office of the Mandvi D.C.C.

Motor Drivers' Appeal To Viceroy

The Secretary of Delhi Motor-drivers Union, writes:—

Whilst they being the law-abiding citizens of His Majesty's Government, whole-heartedly support and co-operate with war efforts against Facism in the face of the serious threats of war to the frontier of India, they honestly believe that no necessity has arisen for the promulgation of an Ordinance for compulsory recruitment of motor drivers, is the gist of the Memorial submitted to His Excellency the Viceroy by the motor drivers of Delhi Province under the signature of Sreemati Chandobibi and Mr. Ajit Das Gupta, President and Secretary respectively of the Delhi Motor-drivers' Union. The memorandum adds that there are large numbers of drivers who have been thrown out of employment, due to patrol rationing and economic depression, and in view of that they would themselves like to offer service for Government, if proper scale of pay and other benefits are granted to them. The signatories in the end request the Viceroy to repeal Ordinance No. 5.

Personnel Of Secondary Education Board

The Government of Bombay has appointed the following persons to constitute the Board of Secondary Education, for the triennium commencing from March 10 1942:

Mr. N. M. Shah, Principal, M.T.B. College, Surat; Mr. K. T. Shah, President, Bombay Provincial Secondary Teachers' Federation; Miss R. Reuben, Principal, Sir Elly Kadoori High School Bombay; Mr. K. R. Kanitkar, Professor, Nowrosjee Wadia College, Poona; Mr. S. U. Shukla Principal, Hansraj Morarji Public School, Andheri, Mr. Jhinabhai Desai, Principal, Seth Chimanlal Nagindas Vidya Vihar, Ahmedabad; Mr. K. G. Warty, Head Master Municipal High School, Gokak; Khan Bahadur Muhammad Hidayatullah; Rao Saheb D. J. Kulkarni, Principal Agricultural High School, Raipur; the Deputy Director of Industries; Mr. D. R. Gadgil Director, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Poona; Rev. A. Solagran, S.J., Principal, St. Xavier's High School, Bombay; the Principal, Secondary Training College Bombay, ex-officer, and the Deputy Director of Public Instruction.

ON THE AIR

MONDAY, MARCH 2.

Delhi, I—Programme.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian Troops in the Far-East. 5 Bhajans. 5-15 Bijan Ghose Dastidar. 5-30 Rajputi Geet. 5-45 Munni. 6-15 Mohammad Shafi. 6-30 Chand Khan. 6-45 Liberty through the Ages, 5: Talk in Hindustani on 'The Renaissance and After (1460/1660'. 7 Afzal Husain. 7-15 For Villagers only. 8 Recorded Music. 8-15 Waheed Qawwal and Party. 8-30 It has happened, or Ghars on Sarod. 8-35 Holi ke Geet. 8-45 Mohammad Shafi. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 Geet. 9-55 Listening Post relayed from B B C. 10 Farhat Jahan Bibbo. 10-15 Munni. 10-30 Waheed Qawwal and Party.

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Saraswati Bai Faterpekar. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 Jugalbhai Vaishnav. 8-20 Mira Bai Bhajan. 8-30 Shankarrao Joshi. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Khayal. 9-20 Marathi Pad. 12-30 p.m. Devotional songs. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 String music. Gujarati Garbas. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 J.G. Shaligram. 5-25 Ghazal and Geet. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Shankerrao Joshi. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Shahir M.N. Nanivadekar. 6-20 Local news and announcements in English. 6-25 Same in Hindustani. 6-30 Nana Ani Mani: Children's programme in Marathi. 7 Rao Bahadur Dayabhai Derasari: Talk in Gujarati. 7-15 Jugalbhai Vaishnav. 7-25 Shankerrao Joshi. 7-45 News commentary in Marathi. 7-50 J.G. Shaligram. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Sports Review. 8-45 Radio Reconnaissance. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening Post relayed from B B C. 10 Gujarati Garbas. 10-15 Lawni and Powda. 10-30 Khayal.

Bombay II—Programme.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Saraswati Bai Faterpekar. 8 Ibrahim: Clarionet. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Hindustani Poems. 9 Instrumental duet. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1. 12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 to 6 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 6 Flute recital. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1.8 Madhurika Mazumdar and Party. 8-15 Shahir Nanivadekar and Party. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 A I R Orchestra. 9-10 Saraswati Bai Faterpekar. 9-30 Mena Silas: Pianoforte. 9-45 Beri Nissim and His Merry-Makers.

TALKS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN: Mr. A.S. Trollip will broadcast two special talks on A.R.P. from All-India Radio Bombay, on Wednesday, the 4th and Friday, the 6th March at 4-35 p.m. He will tell children how they should behave during an air raid. The Hindustani translations of his talks will be broadcast immediately after they are delivered in English. The Gujarati and the Marathi translations of the first talk will be broadcast on Thursday (the 5th inst.) between 4-35 and 4-45 p.m and the translations of the second talk on Monday (the 9th inst.) also between 4-35 and 4-45 p.m.

SAFETY PREFERRED TO INDEPENDENCE!

KUMBAKONAM, Feb. 28.

The need for effective measures for the safety and protection of India was urged by Sir K. V. Reddi Naidu, vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University addressing a public meeting here.

"What we should demand now" said Sir K. V. Reddi, "is not independence, but the safety and protection of India in other words we must demand more soldiers generals, fighter and bomber planes, tanks, anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns for the defence of our country."

Sir K. V. Reddi said "to-day India can be saved only by the British, by the help which China and the United States can give. Giving power at the centre is desirable and good, not because that would help to win the war but because it is our birthright. The achievement of that birthright should in my opinion wait until the security of India and the safety of our people is achieved".—A. P.

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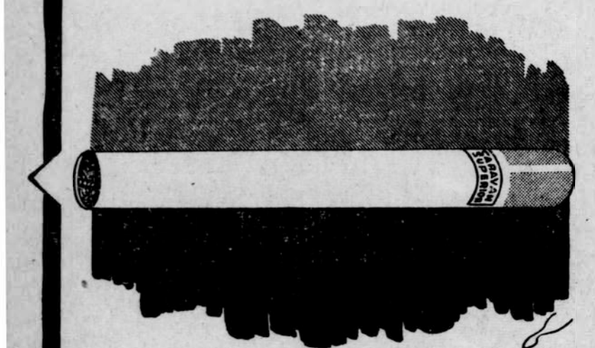

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GRIEVANCES FIRST

The Central Budget estimates for the year 1942-43, introduced in the Assembly on Saturday, record astounding increases in expenditure, and to the already over-taxed Indian the fresh tax burdens are far heavier than they appear to the Finance Member light-heartedly manipulating the figures. The Defence expenditure, which in a normal Budget was about Rs. 37 crores is Rs. 102 crores according to the revised estimates for the current year and is estimated at Rs. 133 crores for the next year apart from several other items which are included in the civil estimates but which are more or less connected with the war. As things are, one must be prepared for further increases in the course of the year. The total rerenue for 1942-43 is estimated at Rs. 140 crores and the total expenditure at 187 crores. There is thus an estimated deficit of Rs. 47 crores but the actual deficit at the end of the year may turn out to be higher still.

Neither Information

Nor Control

The huge deficit is doubtless due to war conditions. A high Defence expenditure is inevitable in these conditions. But the question is whether there is proportionate return for it in the shape of adequate defence. We are told that we have now over a million men under arms. But considering the various points on which they are called upon to fight, is that number at all enough? And are the men adequately trained and equipped? In the House of Lords the other day Lord Cranborne, the Colonial Secretary, said: "It was not right to assume that the million men who at present composed the Indian army were armed and fully trained. Every man who was fully armed was being used. Equipment was a difficult part of the problem." The Finance Member also admits that "the recruitment of officers in India has not on the whole been as satisfactory as we could have wished." He gives but a partial explanation of the fact when he says that "one reason put forward for the inadequacy of the response in this field has been that the terms offered to Indian Commissioned Officers are not sufficiently attractive". It is not merely the inadequacy of terms that is at fault. The discrimination alleged to have been still made against Indian officers is necessarily most galling to them. Moreover, Government have failed to develop the University Training Corps which, if rightly trained, should supply a large number of competent officers. As regards equipment, the Finance Member still says that "the position in regard to equipment has, for one reason and other, never ceased to give rise to anxiety". Of the programme of expanding the Royal Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force few figures are given to show whether there is good return for the growing expenditure on these items. Apart from the much advertised two new sloops, we are only vaguely told that "others are under construction in the United Kingdom" and that in India, too, "some vessels have been already completed and commissioned". About the Air Force the Finance Member says "it has not yet been possible to secure from America all the materials needed for the programme of trained aircraft and this may be delayed in consequence." In short while Indians pay heavily for their defence they have neither the full knowledge of the return of what they pay or control over the expenditure.

More Burdens

And now they are called upon to pay heavier taxes to cover Rs. 12 crores out of the Rs. 47 crores of the deficit for the next year. The surcharges on the income taxes, though less objectionable than indirect taxes, may tend to make savings for future capital very difficult. A novel proposal is to tax incomes from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 2,000 unless the assessee deposits one and a quarter times the amount of tax liable in a Defence Savings Bank account from, which sums cannot be withdrawn till one year after the end of the war and on which two-and-a-half per cent interest will be paid. This may stimulate saving among those who can save but puts an unfair burden on the small incomes of those who cannot save and who, therefore, are just the persons to need relief from the income tax. And if the idea is really to stimulate saving, as the Finance Member said it was, why should not persons be free to invest their savings most profitably as they like? In effect the proposal is to compel persons, under the threat of taxation, to put their savings in the Post Office Defence Savings Bank. The same may be said of the so-called concession to the payers of the Excess Profits Tax by which Government are prepared to contribute an amount up to but not exceeding one-tenth of the net Excess Profits Tax ultimately paid at the rate of 66 2/3 per cent provided that the assessee deposits a sum equal to double this amount. When the Finance Member explained these "concessions" to Income-tax and E. P. T. assesseess they were naturally greeted with derisive laughter from a none, too, critical House. The all-round customes surcharge of 20 per cent on the existing import tariff, excepting a few goods, may help some indigenous industries but will hit poor consumers hard. The number of exceptions can and should be increased. The increase of petrol tax from 12 to 15 annas per gallon seems intended more to lessen its consumption than to get more revenue. In the absence of attempts to encourage the use of power alcohol and charcoal gas, the additional duty on petrol will further intensify the transport problem, already rendered acute by the reduction of railway mileage and increase of railway rates and drastic rationing of petrol. The increase in the postal letter rate to six pice is a vexatious measure, while the increase of the excise duty on kerosene oil is an avoidable hardship to the poor. Apart from the merits or demerits of this or that tax, it may be conceded that some fresh taxes are necessary to meet the inevitably growing war expenditure. But the country's main grievance is that it has no effective control over the expenditure it pays for or the policies it is asked to finance. Those who pay the taxes must have full control over the expenditure and they are perfectly justified in insisting that grievances must first be redressed before supplies can be voted. These are matters of vital principle, and till the people are given effective control over the national expenditure and policy in general they should not give any support to the Finance Bill.

Anxious Days Ahead

The situation on the Burma front is, we know, serious. But should further confusion be introduced into it by conflicang reports. We do not know. Friday's Rangoon communique said "on the northern and southern fronts there has been little activity and there is no change in the situation." Authoritative circles in London also stated on Friday that the pause apparently continued. But on Saturday London described the situation round Rangoon as serious Not only that. It was also stated that "the Japanese claim to have cut the railway near Pegu may be correct in view of the fact that there has been heavy Japanese pressure in this area." The Rangoon communique issued later on the same day practically repeated Friday's statement to the effect that the situation remained unchanged. If London is right, the situation is NOT unchanged and it is difficult to understand General Hutton's headquarters issuing a conflicting official communique.

The Japanese attack in the Pegu area had been expected for some time. It could not be held when the time came because the British lack reserves and reinforcements while the Japanes have been rushing division after division from Malaya and elsewhere. This is the tragedy of the whole situation. If re-inforcements could nave been managed and Japanese superiority rendered less overwhelming, neither northern Burma nor even Rangoon would be facing the present grave threat. This is not an exaggeration. It is fully proved by the gallantry with which troops have resisted the invader's progress and particularly by the marvellous successes that the American Volunteer Group has been achieving every day against the Japanese air force. Meanwhile, first attacks have now been made on British Indian territory with the air-raids on the Andamans.

Russian Strategy

Varying their blows from sector to sector, the Russians are keeping the Germans on tenter-hook along the entire 2,000 mile front. There is no respite, mental or material for the Nazis. Thus, during the last two days, the centre of Russian attack seems to have shifted from the north to the south. Marshal Timoshenko is hammering at the Germans and the Ramanians in the Crimea and on Azov coast and has already accounted for over 7,000 of the enemy, the large majority being Rumanians. World interest, however, remains concentrated on the Starya Russa area and the trapped Sixteenth German Army. The Nazis have intensified air activity in their desperation but the Russians claim that their remorseless operations continue unchecked and that the final doom of the Sixteenth Army is steadily drawing nearer. It ought not to take long now.

Frankly Speaking

Java Invasion Begins

Full details are now available about Friday's naval battle north of Java. The battle lasted for thirty-six hours. The Washington "communique" reveals that a Japanese heavy cruiser, two cruisers and three destroyers were put out of action while the U. S. naval forces remain intact. The Allies lost two cruisers and one destroyer —all Dutch. The Japanese have suffered heavily in comparison, even being compelled to withdraw the bulk of their armada northwards. But, thanks to their "overwhelming superiority in numbers", they can afford to lose heavily for attaining their main objective, which is Java. They rightly regard Java as worth a big price. And, therefore, they have begun its invasion regardless of the cost. They are reported to have landed at three points at each of which Allied naval and air forces are, it is reported, inflicting heavy losses on them. Netherland and American submarines also came into action against Japanese naval forces and transports. Units of Netherland army are offering fierce resistance at the three points where the Japanese have landed. Let us see how the situation, which is undoubtedly serious, develops. There are reports of Allied reinforcements being on their way to Java But when will they arrive? In Java now time is a question of hours not even of days much less of weeks

British "Para"-Raid

The news of a British raid on a post somewhere near Le Havre has naturally attracted attention. It is the first British land "visit" to France after Dunkirk. And it brings into prominence not only the existence of para-troops but also the fact that they are intended to be used. Too much importance, however, need not be attached to the raid as if it heralded the opening phase of a large expedition to France or the Low Countries. But it certainly is important in the sense that the German occupied western coast of Europe has been shown to be vulnerable to hit-and-run Cammando attacks. By the way, the task, which was successfully accomplished, was to destroy a "radio location" post. The device of radio location was, we should have thought, a strictly Anglo-American secret.

Duty Of Director

Many high schools in Bombay city have decided to hold their class examinations early but some aided ones are said to be waiting for instructions from Government. It will be well for the parents and the schools concerned to apply at once to the Director of Public Instruction to allow class examinations to be held earlier. The Director's permission may be necessary for closing the schools several weeks earlier but we do not think that permission is necessary for merely holding the annual class examination earlier. In any case it behoves the Director to help the schools in this matter without waiting for any representation from them or the parents.

Workers' Rally

RELEASE POLITICAL WORKERS INTERNED WITHOUT TRIAL

There was a big rally of about 10,000 workers on Kamgar Maidan, Parel, on Sunday evening, under the Presidentship of Com. Munshi Mohidin.

Mr. R. A. Khedgikar, speaking on the war efforts, said that the war which was going on throughout the world was the people's war. That must be fought out which meant, indirectly defeating Fascism. Mr. Dhirubhai Desai said, that if the Government was really sincere about inviting the help of the people they should release the political prisoners first.

Mr. Lalji Pendse said that they should not indulge merely in passing resolutions but they should try to put into practice what they preached.

There were three processions organisd by different Working Class Centres. They reached the Kamgar Maidan, the participants shouting slogans. "Soviet War is People's War", "People's War is Our War—hence release the political prisoners."

Accordingly, a resolution was moved by Mr. Khedgikar stating that this meeting of the citizens of Bombay emphatically condemns the action of Government in detaining jails, and interning in towns and villages without trial, political workers of various parties. The people of India were denied even the most fundamental rights of civil liberties, the most important of which was the right of trial in Court of Law before being sentenced. This meeting therefore demands that the political workers so detained and interned without trial be forthwith released unconditionally.

The resolution was put to vote and was unanimously adopted and passed.

PROTECTION AGAINST CRIMINAL ASSAULTS

GANDHIJI'S ADVICE TO WOMEN IN DISTRESS

Writing under the caption "criminal assaults" in the current issue of the "Harijan" Gandhiji says, "a woman is at liberty to employ every method or means that come to her mind in order to defend her honour. A woman is worthy of condemnation only when she is a willing party to her dishonour. In no case are adultery and criminal assault synonymous terms."

Gandhiji appeals to the Press to carry on a sustained agitation "till soldiers white or brown would probably cease to behave in this manner."

Gandhiji writes:—

A sister sends me the following questions:—

"(1) If a soldier commits an assault on a woman, can she be said to have lost her virtue?

(2) Is such a woman to be condemned and ostracised by society?

(3) What should women and the public do under such circumstances?"

Whilst the woman has in point of fact lost her virtue, the loss cannot in any way render her liable to be condemned or treated as an outcast. She is entitled to our sympathy for she has been cruelly injured, and we should tend her wounds as we would those of any injured person.

A woman is worthy of condemnation only when she is a willing party to her dishonour. In no case are adultery and criminal assault synonymous terms. If we were to view the matter in this light, we would not hide such instances as has thus far been our wont. Public opinion against such conduct on the part of men towards women would then be created and freely exercised.

DUTY OF PRESS

If the press carried on a sustained agitation, soldiers white or brown would probably cease to behave in this manner. Their officers would be compelled to prevent such misbehaviour.

My advice to women is that they should leave the cities and migrate to the villages where a wide field of service awaits them. There is comparatively little risk of their being assaulted in villages. They must, however, live simple lives and make themselves one with the poor. If they will display their wealth by dressing in silks and satins and wearing jewellery, they will, in running away from one danger, expose themselves to a double. Naturally the advice cannot refer to those whom duty compels to live in cities.

The main thing, however, is for women to know how to be fearless. It is my firm conviction that a fearless woman who knows that her purity is her best shield can never be dishonoured. However beastly the man, he will bow in shame before the flame of her dazzling purity. There are examples even in modern times of women who have thus defended themselves. I can, as I write, recall two such instances. I therefore recommend women who read this article to try to cultivate this courage. They will become wholly fearless, if they can and cease to tremble as they do to-day at the mere thought of assaults. It is not, however, necessary for a woman to go through a bitter experience for the sake of passing a test of courage. These experiences mercifully do not come in the way of lakhs or even thousands. Every soldier is not a beast. It is a minority that loses all sense of decency. Only twenty per cent of snakes are poisonous, and out of these a few only bite. They do not attack unless trodden on. But this knowledge does not help those who are full of fear and tremble at the sight of a snake. Parents and husbands should, therefore, instruct women in the art of becoming fearless. It can best be learnt from a living faith in God. Though He is invisible, He is one's unfailing protector. He who has this faith is the most fearless of all.

SELF-PROTECTION

But such faith or courage cannot be acquired in a day. Meantime we must try to explore other means. When a woman is assaulted she may not stop to think in terms of himsa or ahimsa. Her primary duty is self-protection. She is at liberty to employ every method or means that come to her mind in order to defend her honour. God has given her nails and teeth. She must use them with all her strength and, if need be, die in the effort. The man or woman who has shed all fear of death will be able not only to protect himself or herself but others also through laying down his life. In truth we fear death most, and hence we ultimately submit to superior physical force. Some will bend the knee to the invader, some will resort to bribery, some will crawl on their bellies or submit to other forms of humiliation, and some women will even give their bodies rather than die. I have not written this in a carping spirit. I am only illustrating human nature. Whether we crawl on our bellies or whether a woman yields to the lust of man is symbolic of that same love of life which makes us stoop to anything. Therefore only he who loses his life shall save it.

"Blitz" Indo-China Goodwill Number

"Blitz Newsmagazine" writes:—"Whilst the most complimentary among our friends were the "Bombay Chronicle" and the "Sunday Chronicle", "Dim"—writing in the "Bombay Chronicle" on Monday and Tuesday last—made two wholly false and very malicious allegations in regard to our India-China Goodwill Number.

"Dim" makes two serious allegations against us: (1) that Lin Kai who edited the supplement was a hoax we played on the public, and (2) that Miss Frene Talyarkhan was not commissioned by us to cover Chiang Kai-Shek's visit to India, as stated in our paper.

If the "Chronicle" requires any evidence that Lin Kai is not a "cheap stunt" he has only to refer Dr. Tan Yun-Shan of Shantiniketan, who is Marshal Chiang's personal representative in India, or the Chinese Consulate in Bombay.

The photographic reproduction of the requisition we have received from well-known Chinese inhabitants of Bombay—including one bearing the stamp of the influential Hakka Association.....protesting against "Dim's" calumny, speaks for itself and is the best refutation we can offer to the "Chronicle" writer.

As for "Dim's" second allegation Miss Talyarkhan herself refutes it on page 6 of this issue by stating categorically that SHE WAS COMMISSIONED BY "BLITZ NEWSMAGAZINE" TO COVER CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S VISIT. As a matter of fact, Miss Talyarkhan went to Delhi with letters of introduction to the Information Department and a telegram was sent to the Principal Information Officer requesting special facilities for our representative.

NAZIS' DESPERATE RESISTANCE TO RED ADVANCE.

MOSCOW, March 1.

"Soviet troops continue their advance, annihilating the enemy's manpower and equipment," stated Moscow radio to-day, transmitting a dispatch from the western front. "The unit under the command of Comrade Golubev in fierce fighting with the enemy on the western front annihilated about two infantry battalions, and routed the headquarters of two German infantry regiments. The Germans are desperately resisting and holding on to every defence line. In the different sectors of this front the Germans launched fierce counter-attacks supported by tanks."—Reuter.

PROTECT THEIR HONOUR

Muslim Women's Meeting's Appeal

A mass meeting of Muslim women was held at the Municipal Marathi School, Dongri, on Saturday under the auspices of the Adult Literary Association. Mrs. Kamaladevi spoke on women in China, Japan and other countries and compared the educational standards attained by women in these countries with those in India.

Mrs. Kulsum Sayani explained the significance of the literacy campaign week and emphasized the value of education especially of that of women.

Mr. A. N. Sheik explained the A. R. P. arrangements in Bombay. At the end of the lectures an elderly lady said that they were not afraid of air raids but they were disgusted at the behaviour of some European soldiers, especially at their behaviour towards women and asked for protection.

The meeting passed a resolution to the following effect moved by Mrs Ismail seconded by Mrs. Kmani and supported by M. Kajiji:—"This meeting of Muslim women of Bombay condemns the behaviour of some European soldiers in Bombay, especially their behaviour towards women, and calls upon Government and the Municipality to take effective steps to put a stop to such behaviour and protect the honour of Indian women."

OSTEND BOMBED.

LONDON, Feb. 28.

An Air Ministry Communique issued states:—

A formation of Blenheim bombers escorted by fighters bombed the docks at Ostend, this afternoon. Three of our fighters are missing.—Reuter.

FESTIVAL CRICKET MATCH.

LUCKNOW, March 1.

The Governor's Eleven was dismissed in the first innings within 95 minutes this morning for a paltry 99 in the festival cricket match.

In their second knock the U. P. Eleven were all out for 106 runs. In their second innings the Governor's Eleven scored 115 runs for the loss of three wickets, when the stumps were drawn for the day.—A. P.

Basis For A Better World

Cripps Asks British Youth To Work In Partnership With Those Of Russia

LONDON, March 1.

Sir Stafford Cripps said at a meeting of the Anglo-Soviet Youth Friendship Alliance in London, to-day, that, although the Allies had to concentrate all their efforts on victory, they must not forget that this was part of the process of building up a better and finer civilisation. He held that the youth of Great Britain and the Soviet Union should work together in common partnership with the youth of China, America and the oppressed European countries. "We must not make our outlook of the future too narrow by concentration on Anglo-Soviet friendship," he declared.

Sir Stafford Cripps continued: "You and I are filled to-day with enthusiasm and gratitude for the magnificent exploits of the Soviet forces on the Russian battlefield, and equally admire the fine part that is being played by young men and women not only on the battle front, but on the industrial front, and on farms and in mines.

The youth in Russia to-day is burning with zeal for its country and its institutions. It feels that it really is its country.

It was that sense of their direct and vital interest that lay behind the enthusiasm of the Soviet Union. Whatever might be their difficulties and sufferings, they felt that they were on the right road to a better future. To-day those great qualities that had been born in the Young people of Soviet Russia had come to the rescue of the whole world. "Past trials have steeled the youth of Russia and from them have emerged a brave and resourceful people and confident and courageous youth, which is going to play not only a great part in victory over Nazidom, but also in the construction of a new world civilisation after victory.

In our own country we want just as courageous and resourceful a youth.

Our goal must be the same as that of the Soviet youth, but the path by which we should reach must be defined by our own environment and not by that of Russia or any other country.

Far more harm has, I believe, been done to our relations with other countries by exaggerated and uncritical praise or blame than by a fairminded and objective statement of fact. I am not asking you to damp down your enthusiasm in the cause of Anglo-Soviet relations, but I want you to make a convinced enthusiasm which is convincing to others as well."

Asked a question about religion in Russia, Sir Stafford said that it was a sevenday religion based on idealism and not a oneday a week one.

TIP OR TWO FROM RUSSIA.

Presiding at the afternoon session of the Anglo-Soviet youth meeting addressed by Sir Stafford Cripps in the morning, Lord Wedgwood said: "You have had an opportunity of hearing Sir Stafford Cripps" (cheers). Lord Wedgwood said that he hoped that the youth movement would be based upon a contemptuous disregard of nationalism because nationalism had landed us where we were to-day. He would send a deputation to Soviet Russia with the idea of picking up a tip or two.

RECORD OF SOVIET GUERILLAS

MOSCOW, Feb. 28.

Guerrillas on the Leningrad front killed 10,480 German troops and 491 officers including two generals in six months according to the 'Izvestia' to-day.

In the same period, in attacks on communications, Guerrillas wrecked 64 trains, derailed 700 railway cars with munitions, provisions and troops and blew up five railway and road bridges

They also destroyed eight German Headquarters, 71 aircraft 67 tanks, 35 guns, 25 armoured cars and 1,322 lorries and buses.—Reuter.

Two Nazi Divisions Battered

MOSCOW, March 1.

The Russians, intensifying their offensive aimed at the relief of Leningrad, have dislodged the Germans from three inhabited places on Saturday, says the "Isvestia" correspondent. The Germans attempted to make a stand in village", but were overcome by Soviet troops under the command of General Derzarin.

The "Pravda" correspondent reports fierce day and night fighting on the southern front where the German 257th and 85th German infantry divisions, which have been rushed up from the rear, were severely battered.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON DONETZ FRONT

LONDON: A German Communique states that on the Donetz front further heavy fighting is in progress.

In North Africa British reconnaissance forces have been thrown back.—Reuter.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

"The political manoeuvre focused around the Negus has so far pitifully failed. We note this with satisfaction and with pleasure, because it shows that the Abyssinians will have nothing to do with them."

Rome Radio February 28, 1941.

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"What do you think of the Indian Budget?" This is the question with which every one whom we met yesterday pestered us.

We refused to answer. After all why, while inevitably losing money, lose our manners too?

We must cool down—if it is possible—before we say what we think of it all.

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In his latest pronouncement, Mr. S. Satyamurti declares that the people of India want freedom not as a political gesture but as an incentive to the people effectively to defend the country from foreign aggression.

Could we venture to suggst that they wanted freedom as their birthright, too?

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"British Dominion in the Far East can never be restored nor will there be any desire to see it restored—in its former guise."

We are too stunned to think. We can only feel vaguely that the heavens have fallen.

You see, the above is an extract from a leader in—are you ready for the shock?—the London "Times."

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According to Dr. Wellington Koo "strategy, speed and solidarity" are the immediate problems of the Allied nations in the Far East.

The Chinese Ambassador is quite right unfortunately.

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NAVAL BATTLE ENDS IN ALLIES' FAVOUR

—Headline.

And the Japs have affected landings on Java.

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Japan has appointed a new Ambassador in the person of Mr. Naotake Sato to Russia and also a Minister Plenipotentiary, Mr. Goro Morishimo, to assist Mr. Sato.

This sounds like a Nomura-Kurusu combination. But the Russians are not Americans

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British partroops have carried out a successful raid on a German post near Le Havre.

Touch wood and restrain your hopes.

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An Air Ministry communique issued late on Saturday announced that the docks at Ostend were subjected to a daylight raid by Blenheims.

But why?

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United States and Vichy relations are, it is reported, still in a very delicate state.

Specialist treatment, however, is being energetically continued.

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"It seems rather a strange thing," said the magistrate, "that previously you pleaded guiltv of theft and now you say that you are innocent of the charge.

"Well it's this way, Your Worship" was the reply. "My counsel has convinced me that I never stole anything!"

High Strategy In Pacific

Agreement Reached On New Principles: 'Anzac' Move For Acceptance

MELBOURNE, March 1.

Following a meeting of the War Council, the Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, announced to-day that agreement had been reached on new principles of high strategy.

Mr. Curtin, the Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Evatt, and the Former Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, to-day met the New Zealand representatives in Committee presumably to arrange the express terms of the new decisions.

The "Sun's" political correspondent says that the fact that the War Council, not the War Cabinet, has put Australia's view point at the Allied talks, evidences an all party basis. The War Cabinet meets on March 2 and is expected formally to ratify the agreement.

If the New Zealand Cabinet approves, both Governments will send a message to Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt strongly recommending British and American acceptance.—Reuter.

Municipal Welfare Centres' Sports

The annual sports of the Bombay Municipal Welfare Centres came off at the Gowalia Tank Maidan on Sunday evening. The programme included many interesting items such as water-pot race, market race, sack race, hit the pot race, slow cycling race, skipping race, candle race, fast walking, dumb-drill, lezim, candle race, blind-boot race, etc. Municipal employees, male as well as female, also took part in sports. Dr. J. A. Collaco, the Mayor of Bombay, presided, and Mrs. Collaco distributed the prizes.

Dr. Das Gupta, the Municipal Health Officer, welcoming the guests referred to the steps taken by the Municipality for the welfare of its employees. Dr. Collaco congratulated the workers of the Welfare Centres for the good work they were doing.

TRADE BUYING IN N. Y. COTTON MARKET

President Roosevelt's Attack On Farm Bloc

GOOD DEMAND FOR DISTANTS

Bombay February 28

The New York cotton market seems to ignore Government threat to unload stocks on the market. It appears that Senate's approval of the Bankhead Bill is upsetting Washington administration and President Roosevelt again attacked the Farm Bloc efforts to restrain Government selling below parity.

It is interesting to know that the administration is against inflation and naturally they want to control prices so that the cost of living may remain steady at a certain level. Thus there cannot be any desire to depress prices but the Representatives of the Farm Bloc fear that this attitude may result in material decline and intends to bind over the Government not to sell any cotton below parity. Thus there is a good deal of truth on both sides and there is nothing in the situation to attack anyone but there appears a feeling of distrust and unless this removed, there will be no smooth selling of the cotton ship.

DROP IN BOMBAY.

Yesterday market opened very steady and almost throughout the session prices backed and filled with thin business. However, towards the close, on various unverified ugly rumours selling was indulged in by professionals knocking off Rs 8 in a lightly traded market but liberal short covering by leading bears checked the fall. The reaction in cotton permeated to silver wheat and linseed. The operators seem awaiting for to-day's budget publication and next week perhaps for the promised Government cotton purchase scheme and Mr Churchill's declaration of Indian policy, state Messrs. A Podar and Co.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market improved on trade and New Orleans buying. There was short covering but the improvement met commission house liquidation and local selling after President Roosevelt's renewed attack on Farm Bloc efforts to restrain Government selling below parity. Finally there appeared Mill buying and price-fixing.

The market opened at a rise of 3 points with May 18.52. There was steady buying and May advanced to 18.60 which was the highest but prices again reacted to 18.51 which was the lowest for the day. Towards the close there was improved buying and the market finally closed at a net rise of 7 to 13 points. Spot cotton prices gained 7 points at 20.15c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was fairly steady and closed at a rise of 8 to 14 points. Spot cotton prices gained 10 points at 19.24c. per lb.

PRIVATE CABLES

New York May highest (12-7 p.m.) ..... 18.60+11

New York May lowest (1-44 p.m.) ..... 18.51+02

Messrs Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

New York: Market steadier on general and trade buying.

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, February 28

Groundnuts	February—			
	Opening	Rs	43	8 0
	Highest		43	8 0
	Lowest		42	12 0
	Closing		43	8 0
Groundnuts	May—			
	Opening		43	3 0
	Highest		43	3 0
	Lowest		42	11 6
	Closing		42	12 0
Castorseeds	May—			
	Opening		40	12 0
	Highest		40	14 0
	Lowest		40	12 0
	Closing		40	12 0
Cottonseeds	May—			
	Opening		24	15 6
	Highest		25	2 0
	Lowest		24	15 6
	Closing		25	0 6

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INDIANS MUST GET EQUAL FACILITIES

Goenka's Plea For Evacuees From Burma

CALCUTTA, Feb. 27

The necessity of the Government of India realising the importance of developing essential industries in the country, not only to make the country self-sufficient as regards her vital industry needs, but also in order to render the industrial front of the Empire more secure against such wanton aggression as they had witnessed in the Far East, was emphasised by Sir Badridas Goenka, presiding over the sixteenth annual general meeting of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, this afternoon.

Sir Badridas added: It must be recognised that modern wars are won not so much on the battle grounds as in the factories of nations."

Sir Badridas also dwelt on questions of acute scarcity of foodstuffs in the country, and transport difficulties, price control measures.

Sir Badridas referred to the reported discrimination against Indians resident in Burma, Malaya and Singapore, desirous to return to India, in the allocation of passages and also to other great hardships inflicted upon them and urged the Government to see that all necessary facilities were extended to those desiring to return to the home land.—A.P.

MR. M. HAMID DEAD.

BHOPAL, Feb. 26.

The death occurred here this morning after a protracted illness of Mr. Muhammad Hamid, Superintendent Archaeology, Bhopal. For the last eight years he had not only been responsible for the maintenance of the world-famous Buddhist Stupas at Sanchi but had also during this period directed a number of important excavations and restorations at Sanchi, Islamnagar and other centres of historic and archaeological interest in the State.—A. P.

NO CLOSING OF SCHOOLS FROM MARCH 1.

MADRAS, February 27.

The Government are unable to accede to the request of the Council of the Corporation of Madras that they should accord the necessary sanction to the Council's resolution to close the schools under the management of the Corporation from the 1st of March, 1942, according to a Press Note. When the Corporation has completed the provision of shelters for the children in every Corporation school, children in the City will be as safe in Corporation schools as elsewhere in the City.—A. P.

SATARA MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SATARA, Feb. 27.

Triennial elections of the Satara City Municipal Borough passed off without any untoward incident. In most wards the poll exceeded 55 per cent., and 20 of the sitting Councillors in a House of 33, could retain their seats.

Mr. R. G. Soman, M.L.C., the retiring President has made room for Mr. S. H. Sathe, M.I.A., who might secure Presidentship with the help of half a dozen Congressmen a like number of Hindu Mahasabhaites and certain Independents.

Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on the 20th February:—

1.	Demand Liabilities in India	218,60,03,000
2.	Time Liabilities in India ...	103,18,38,000
3.	Cash in India:	
	(i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	8,89,88 000
	(ii) Rupee Coin	1,02,34,000
	(iii) Subsidiary Coin	37,20,000
4.	Balances with Reserve Bank	37,38,66,000
5	Advances in India	116,19,28,000
6	Bills Discounted in India ...	4,19,08,000

Comparative Statement of the Position of Scheduled Banks.

(In thousand Rupees)

	20-2-1942	13-2-1942	21-2-1941	1-9-1939
1. Demand Liabilities in India	218 60,03	218,44,60	169,20,28	134 36,49
2. Time Liabilities in India	103,18,38	103,81,72	101,11,72	102,24,34
3. Cash in India	10,29,42	10,21,58	8,03,63	6,69,92
4 Balances with Reserve Bank	37,38,66	39,62,06	45,68,77	25,27,75
5. Advances in India	116,19,28	114,76,63	108,02,88	101,52,16
6 Bills Discounted in India	4,19,08	4,63,61	4,99,24	3,57,29

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, February 28

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 120 28 115 35 114 42 113 49-56 112

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 110 24 106 28 106 35 97 42 95 49-56 95

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 75 Rosita Rs. 73 Country make Rs. 60 Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 34 per cwt.

SETTLEMENT RATES

Copper sheets Chaitra Rs. 115

Pigiead 'B.M.' Ashad Rs. 117

Tin Ingot Penang Ready Rs. 86

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, February 28

Yellow metal sheets ..... Rs. 112 0 0

Copper sheets ..... Rs. 117 0 0

Tone:—Steady.

CALCUTTA, February 28.

Fourteen hundred evacuees including a number of Anglo-Indians have arrived here by boat from Rangoon.—A P.

FAMINE IN HISSAR

Dr. Gopichand's Appeal For Funds For A. I. S A's Relief Work

LAHORE, (By Mail).

Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, Hony Agent, A. I. S. A. (Punjab Branch) writes:—

A few days ago I had gone to Hissar. There are many villages in which there has been no rains and consequently no crops since last 9 years. In most other villages there has been no crop for the last six years.

Consequently people stand in need of work by doing which they may get some money to buy food. There is a village where people eat bread made out of the bark of a tree. Though Government has been able to get supply of drinking water for some villages in Tehsil Sirsa, yet there are some where there is no drinking water.

The All-India Spinners' Association has opened 12 spinning centres and four Khadi production centres. They intend to open 2 more in the near future. The estimate is that yarn worth 1-1|4 lakh of rupees would be prepared in one year. We would have liked to increase our work but there are two difficulties. One is the financial difficulty. Even now we need money for the work we have started. We need money, if not as contribution, on loan without interest but for a period of at least 5 years. A contribution would ensure the permanency of these centres. The other difficulty is of lack of trained workers. This deficiency we are trying to make up.

I would appeal to all philanthropic people to help us at this hour. It is the right sort of charity that is needed at the present moment.

Bombay Medical Association

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The annual general meeting of the Bombay Medical Association was held this afternoon at the Radio Club, when the following office-bearers were elected:—

Dr. K K. Dadachanji, President, Dr. D. G. Tendulkar and Dr. A. D. Mastakar, Vice-Presidents, Dr. Chamanlal Mehta, Treasurer, Dr. Shridhar V. Oak, G. V. Dravid and M. G. Shah as Secretaries.

The new President, Dr. Dadachanji in thanking the members for his election suggested that the Government should organise a five-year medical plan.

Dr. Mrs. Dadabhoy, retiring President gave a resume of the activities of the Association under her presidentship. She said that it was high time that the medicos united under one body and made their voice heard.

Dr. M. D. D. Gilder proposed a toast of the retiring President and said that, in times of emergency, irrespective of one's political leanings, medical men ought to help. With this view, he had accepted to be the medical director of the People's Volunteer Brigade and hoped that he would have the co-operation of his colleagues.

Dr. Collaco, Mayor of Bombay, said that in matters like the A.R.P., he was for unitary control. He was, however, sure that no doctor would turn away when he saw a wounded or a sick person.

Konkan Passengers' Grievances

(From A Correspondent.)

A public meeting of Konkan Residents of Bombay was held under the chairmanship of Dr. V. N. Rege in Phadkewadi, Girgaum Back Road, on Sunday to ventilate the grievances of Konkan passengers A deputation consisting of seven members was appointed to wait on the Manager of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company and on such other officers as necessary. The meeting also appointed a committee called "Konkan Passengers' Relief Committee" with Dr V. N. Rege as President, to take all such steps as are necessary to remove the difficulties in the way of passengers going to and returning from Konkan.

'VERY INTERESTING CEREMONY'

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Chungking radio states that a very interesting ceremony was performed in Chungking this morning in celebration of the 23rd anniversary of the Korean Declaration of Independence. A full five-minute silence was observed in the memory of the revolutionary leaders of Korea.—A. P.

The Sikh community of Lucknow accorded a reception to Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the Hindu Mahasabha, in Gurdwara Naka Hindola, and the Arya Samaj presented him a welcome address this morning.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Here is a little bit of information for you regarding the new road to China, which will be a sort of second lung for oxygen to China. This new route runs from Chungking to Chengtu and then on to Batang in Tibet. The gap that is being filled is between Batang and Sadiya on the Brahamaputra in Assam. From Sadiya to Calcutta there are rail, road and river contacts. The gap that is now being closed is just over 200 miles, an engineering feat which the Chinese have time and again accomplished under the overriding stimulus of a burning patriotism. Further south of Batang is Menkang which as the crow flies is only 150 miles from Sadiya but there are steep mountains in between, and the technical difficulties must have been very great. It only goes to show what can be done in a war if the people get behind it.

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Yesterday I met the Captain of a ship which brought in evacuees from Singapore. He is one of the finest specimens of sturdy men I have seen. He is not just talk as sea-faring men usually are. He really has something to say. I will not do anything more than whet your appetite by saying that before he leaves, it is possible that he will be got to speak on the air. So watch out for him. He is worth listening to. What I was thrilled to hear from him was the way he defended the Indian soldier against the nasty and disgusting rumours that have been spread about him.

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When will the Defence Savings Department realise that a kid barely a few months old does not say: "Daddy don't you care what happens to me?" They are losing the value of this advertisement because for a long time I believed it was a baby food advertisement.

PARSIS AND POLITICS

Nariman Pleads For An Organisation Of Their Own

"If Parsis were to live up to the high ideals of good thoughts, good words and good deeds as embodied in their religion, if they were to live up to the great virtues of honesty, self-help and adaptability to changing environment and circumstances, which characterised their ancestors in the past, then, for their future, near as well as remote, they have no reason to dispair." This seemed to be the gist of a lecture on "Parsis and Politics" by Mr. K. F. Nariman delivered under the auspices of the Parsi Welfare Centre at the C. J. Colony Tardeo on Saturday evening. Dasturji Bode presided.

My Parsi friends ask me, continued Mr. Nariman, as to what will be the condition of the Parsis under self-Government? They seemed to labour under the delusion said the speaker, that under Swaraj their progress and prosperity would be a thing of the past, because whatever they had hitherto achieved was due to the influence of the British rule. Parsis' advance, according to him, was not due to the British influence, but was due to curtain good traits that were inherent in their character.

Continuing Mr. Nariman appealed to the Parsis to look forward to the future with faith in their fellowmen so that when real Swaraj came, they might work hand in hand with the rest of India for the future progress of their country.

Concluding the speaker advised the Parsis to take a lively interest in the politics of the country, and for that reason to set up an organisation of their own.

OVER 5,000 GRADUATES

Calcutta University's Output

CALCUTTA, Feb. 28.

"With deep-rooted faith in Providence and with unswerving confidence in our future we shall continue the work with zeal and devotion to keep this University functioning even if difficulties may beset our faith and even if there be perils in our way," said Sir Aziz-ul-Haque, Vice-Chancellor, in his Convocation address to the Calcutta University held this morning at the Senate Hall under the presidency of H. E. the Chancellor.

Unlike previous years no distinguished person outside the Province was invited to deliver the Convocation address in view of the present situation.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Law was conferred on Sir Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. There were altogether 5,412 graduates.—United Press.

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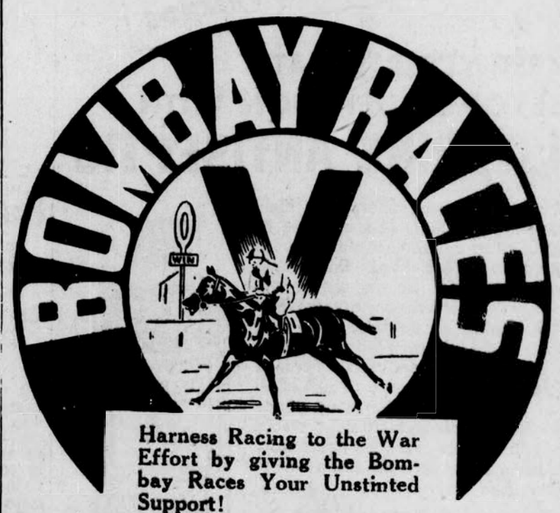

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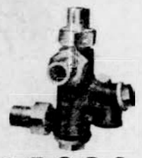

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Parsi Art And Craft Exhibition

Some of the Exhibits at the Parsi Art and Craft Exhibition at C. J. Hall (Right) A fine specimen of embroidery work.

Land Routes To India Opened

Long Trek On Foot For People From Burma

NEW DELHI, March 1.

A member of the Indian Evacuation Committee in Rangoon who arrived in India said that the Government of Burma opened two land routes from Prome to Akyab through Tadang and from Rangoon to Dimapur on the Indian border through Monyma.

The people were coming on foot through these routes. The Government of India Agent in Burma was trying to provide car and bus conveyance on these roads.

A register for the entry of names of those evacuees from Burma and Malaya, who are in need of employment, has been opened by the Marwari Relief Society, Calcutta.

Govt.'s Power To Seize Property

WASHINGTON, Feb 28.

The House of Representatives to-day passed the War Powers Bill defining the Government's power to seize property.—Reuter.

Purandhar Taluka Declared Scarcity Area

Purandhar Taluka of the Poona District has been declared a scarcity area and under the Bombay Fodder and Gram Control Act (1939), the Government from Saturday onwards, in a Gazette extraordinary issued on that day, has restricted removal of fodder for a period of five months from that area.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

SURAT, Feb. 27.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is leaving Hajira on or about March 6 to participate in a function organised by the Agriculture Institute at Anand. From there Sardar Patel is expected to proceed to Ahmedabad.

Sardar Patel was examined by Dr. Jivraj Mehta who paid a visit to Hajira recently. He is progressing satisfactorily. Mr Mangaldas Pakwasa, President of the Bombay Legislative Council, also met Sardar Patel at Hajira.—United Press.

A gang of about a dozen armed villagers raided on Friday evening the liquor and opium shops in Jaintipura, a way-side station between Amritsar and Batala, killing a shop assistant and seriously injuring another, according to information received a Amritsar.

WHAT BUDGET MEANS TO YOU AND ME

(By "Chronicler")

"Win-the-War Budget; Keynes plan for India; Anti-inflation drive; War savings thrust; Spare much, pay more and save most for victory".

These sum up the high politik of Raisman's Budget with soaring deficit.

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But to you and me, it means that a man with about Rs. 85 salary a month will have to pay income tax from April next. The bait is there that he can neutralise the income tax by putting a little extra in Defence Savings and get back the same after victory. But can a person on Rs. 85 grade save at all in these days of war and soaring prices? Does it not amount to a compulsory contribution to Defence Loan indirectly.

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Last time, when a Finance Member brought the income tax limit down to Rs 1,000 a year level, people had the privilege of voting in the elections to the Central Assembly. Now even that consolation is denied, as the Assembly's lease has well-nigh become perpetual by repeated extensions.

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Surcharge on customs import duty will mean increased price for imported goods. It may serve the project of Raisman to keep down consumers' goods for war effort. But you and I have to pay extra for articles of necessity like imported medicines.

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The increase in petrol duty may not directly affect us, as we have neither cars nor coupons, but you will have to pay a spot more for taxis during emergencies.

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The excise on kerosene will tell on the poor, and the countryside will have to go into black-out.

We need not be loud in our complaints about increase in postal and telegraph rates. We can reduce wedding congratulation telegrams and write less for the sake of victory.

"A Swingeing Budget"

"A swingeing budget"—that was how Sir Jeremy Raisman's tax proposals were characterised in the city.

The increase of surcharge on income tax from 33 1/2 per cent to roughly 50 per cent, would prove a damper to Indian industrial and business enterprise it was stated in well-informed circles. As an expert stated: "What the Government had given by the right hand was taken away by the left." The sur charge, it was stated, would weigh heavily in Bombay and Bengal.

The proposal to make income from Rs. 1,000 to 2,000 liable to tax at 6 pies in the rupee over the first Rs. 750 of the total income might not answer, it is stated, to the savings device, designed by the Finance Member. Although the proposed levy is exempted upto Rs. 750 in the proposed category the tax will tell more heavily on the middle and poor classes than it did in 1931, when the same income level was taxed. But the present higher rate, when the cost of living was soaring, coupled with the increase in postal rates, has but the most unpopular colour to these proposals.

While the 20 per cent surcharge in customs was regarded as a protection to Indian industry, the lot of the consumers, it was stated, would hardly improve. With the likelihood of the increase in the price of manufactured articles, the parity, between the imported articles and the manufactured goods, would remain.

Savarkar Re-Elected

Mahasabha's New Executive

LUCKNOW, February 28.

A meeting of the All-India Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha was held this afternoon in the Ganga Prasad Hall, Lucknow, under the presidency of Mr. V. D. Savarkar.

The following office-bearers were elected for the year 1942-43: Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Working President, Dr. B. S. Moonje, Bhai Parmanand, Mr. N. C. Chatterjee, Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu, Kunwar Ganganand Singh and Mr. Khaparde, Vice-Presidents; Raja Maheshwar Dayal Seth of Kaotra, General Secretary; Messrs. Ashutosh Lahiri and G. V. Ketkar, Secretaries; Lala Narain Dutt, Treasurer; Rai Bahadur Mehrchand Khanna and Rai Bahadur Harishchandra (North-West Frontier Province,) Captain Keshavchand (Punjab), Mr. M. N. Ghatate (C. P. Marathi) Mr. P. C. Jogalekar (Berar), Mr. Ramkrishna (C. P. Hindusthani), Dr. Udgaonkar (Bombay), Lt. Patwardhan (Bombay), Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar (Maharashtra), Kunwar Chandkaran Sarda (Ajmer), Mr. Kaliram Burman (Assam), Lala Hariram Seth and Sir Jwala Prasad Srivastava (United Provinces), Kunwar Ravanashwar Misra (Behar), Dewan Bahadur Ramaswami Sastri and Rai Bahadur Venkatarama Aiyar (Madras) Mr. Subba Rao (Andhra), and Mr. Gangaram Khanna (Gujarat) Members.

Pandit Chandra Dutt Vedalankar (U. P.) was also co-opted as a member of the Working Committee.

Earlier a meeting of the Working Committee was held when the accounts which could not be passed during the Bhagalpur Session of the Sabha were approved.

A meeting of the new Working Committee will be held tomorrow morning.—United Press.

Why Dictator For Mahasabha?

LUCKNOW, March, 1.

The second and final sitting of the All-India Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha commenced its proceedings this morning. Mr V D Savarkar presiding.

About hundred members of the Committee are attending.

It is understood that the Committee has under consideration resolutions on the present political situation in the country with particular reference to developments in the Far East.

Certain sections of the Committee appear to be opposed to the resolution demanding a dictator for the Hindu Mahasabha, given notice of by Mr. Ketkar.—A. P.

Savarkar's Call To Hindus

LUCKNOW, March 1.

"Don't forget that you are Hindus whether you are in the army or within the Legislatures. This is your country and you must defend it", observed Mr V. D Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, replying to a welcome address presented to him by the Lucknow Sikh Gurdwara this morning. Continuing he said that there could be no "Pakistan" Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and all should oppose it tooth and nail.—United Press.

NEXT SESSION AT LUCKNOW

LUCKNOW.—The All-India Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha has accepted the invitation of Lucknow for the next annual session of the Mahasabha to be held during December 1942.—A. P.

SEVEN KILLED IN AIR CRASH

PORTO, LEO, Feb. 28.

Seven people were killed when a Brazilian airliner crashed at Porto Alegre on Saturday.

There were 21 passengers aboard.—Reuter.

HINDI JOURNALISTS IN CONFERENCE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28.

The open session of the All-India Hindi Journalists Conference was held to-night in Diwan Hall Mr. Shri Krishna Datta Palliwal presiding.

Five resolutions were passed. In one resolution the conference fixed prices of the Hindi Papers from three pice to five pice for four page, six-page, and eight-page newspapers respectively.

By another resolution, it was decided to raise a reserve fund to help the Hindi papers and their editors in the time of emergency when they faced any difficulty while discharging their duty.—A. P.

CHINESE GUERILLAS IN ACTION

CHUNGKING, Mar. 1.

Despite the fact that the Japanese are using Hainan island as an advance naval base for South-sea operations, Chinese guerrillas are still resisting relentlessly in the centre of the island according to a message from Shuikwan.

In retaliation, the Japanese have raided a village burning down 400 huts and slaughtering 13 civilians. "A mopping up" campaign by 20,000 Japanese troops against the Chinese base in the Taiyi mountains south of the Tsin Tao railway in South Shantung fizzled out last week, it is stated here.

The Japanese staged a general withdrawal from their original bases. The Japanese also failed to remove the Chinese threat to their railway communications.—Reuter.

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